

LOCAL MENTION

Mrs. Horace Coffield was a Desloge visitor Tuesday.

Chas. Rhinehardt is able to be out after having had the flu.

Rome Polite of Blackwell was a business visitor here yesterday.

FOR SALE: A Ford Runabout. Good as new. J. H. Tetley.

Raymond Nixon, who is in the Navy, visited relatives here over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Nixon, former Farmingtonians, visited relatives here this week.

Herman Trauernicht and family visited relatives in Middlebrook Christmas day.

Fresh Fish and Oysters the last of each week at Bethel's Cash Meat Market.

The town seems taken over by the khaki-clad soldiers and the blue of the Navy boys.

Mrs. S. P. Counts and daughter, Hazel, were shopping for Santa Claus in Desloge Monday.

Miss Ida Bell Hughes, who works in St. Louis, spent Christmas day with her aunt, Mrs. John Hughes.

For the Influenza, Colds, La Grippe—try Laakman's Cold Tablets. For sale by E. M. Laakman, Druggist.

L. W. Rudloff, who has been in the army at Camp Dodge, has come home with his honorable discharge.

J. C. Watson left the first of the week on a business trip to New York and other points in the East.

When in need of heating stoves, stove boards and stove pipes, you should go to Boswell & Helber.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Coffey had as guests Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Justice and daughters of Flat River.

Postmaster and Mrs. Bryd Smith left Christmas day for a visit with relatives and friends in Cape Girardeau.

Harry Calvird and family of Bonne Terre spent Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Calvird, of Route 4.

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Jacob Sticksell and daughter, Annie, who have employment in St. Louis, visited over Christmas with their family here.

Bryan Murrill, who is doing construction work with the Navy at Yorktown, Va., spent Christmas with home folks.

Truman Sample, who has been in the S. A. T. C. at the Cape Girardeau Normal, has returned home with his honorable discharge.

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The post office force was very busy Monday and Tuesday on account of the large amount of incoming and outgoing Christmas mail.

Ed Cole, one of Blackwell's good citizens, was in Farmington Monday paying taxes and made The Times office an appreciated call.

Gay Klein returned the latter part of last week from Washington University, the S. A. T. C., in which he was enrolled, being discharged.

FOR SALE—A number of young red pigs, one-quarter Poland. J. L. Rickard, Route 1, 4 1/2 miles from Farmington, on St. Mary's road. 52-3.

John Waring, who is in the Marine Corps at Quantico, Va., came in Monday noon to spend Christmas at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Giles Waring.

The Times extends to everyone its hearty wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year—the Happiest and most Prosperous of all the years that have gone.

We have a big line of Ladies, Misses and Children's wraps of every description at very attractive prices. Farmington Mercantile Co., Farmington, Mo.

Christmas day was observed in Farmington by a general closing of business houses, and the day was given over to family gatherings, dinner parties and a general good time.

C. F. Boyd, a splendid young farmer of Vallis Mines, transacted business in Farmington Tuesday and favored The Times with an appreciated call and renewal of subscription.

Ward Fleming, who has been in the S. A. T. C., at Washington University in St. Louis, was discharged the latter part of last week and came in to spend the holidays with relatives.

Splendid fall weather continues, without a break. Yesterday dawned bright and beautiful, without a cloud on the horizon. Christmas day, while cloudy, was in no sense disagreeable.

Anyone ordering butter, eggs, poultry, produce, etc., through my shop, can have same delivered to them promptly with a meat order, without additional charge. Bethel's Cash Meat Market.

Lynn Matkin, an excellent young farmer of Route 1, Bismarck, was attending to business here yesterday and favored The Times office with a pleasant call and renewal of subscription.

G. M. Raines returned from Roselle the first of the week. He had gone there to see if he would be allowed to re-open school, but was informed that school would not start until after Christmas.

Dr. Lee Raden returned the first of the week from Camp Funston, Kan., where he had been in training for several months. He was accompanied by that proud possession, his honorable discharge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ingram were called to St. Louis the last of the week by a message announcing the death of Mrs. Ingram's brother, Fred Watts. Death resulted from pneumonia, following an attack of influenza.

If you are trying to conserve or produce—or both—you should not forget to give your chickens plenty of Fresh Ground Bone, as it is not only most healthful, but is also one of the best egg producers there is, and egg production, with the prices ranging from 80c a dozen and upward, is certainly worth your while. Fresh Ground Bone is cheap—only 5c the pound at Bethel's Cash Meat Market.

Homer Clay came in last Saturday from Washington University to spend the holidays with home folks.

Misses Sadie and Carrie Tullock of Bismarck are spending the holidays with their sister, Mrs. O. J. Mayberry.

The public schools of Farmington are expected to open again next Monday, after having been closed for the past 12 weeks by the influenza epidemic. This city and vicinity now appears to be practically cleared of the scourge.

LOST—Between Flat River and Weingarten, on Monday evening, Dec. 23rd, a new Tyron auto casing, size 30x3 1/2 inches, on rim. Finder will be well rewarded on returning same to this office, or to Oscar V. Donge, Weingarten, Mo.

E. K. Blue, a former citizen of this city, now very successfully engaged in business in Poplar Bluff, Mo., visited relatives and friends here this week. He made The Times office an appreciated call and ordered the paper sent to him the coming year.

Jacob Day returned the first of the week from Louisiana, where he had spent two months on his plantation. He reports that the cotton crop down there has been practically ruined by an abundance of rain. The other crops, too, are not in the best of condition.

Invitations are out from Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lee Haile, for the marriage of their niece, Miss Anna Lucille Craig, to Mr. Clyde E. Deardorff, of Kansas City. The ceremony will be performed to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at the Baptist church.

Choice meats of all kinds—cuts that will tempt the appetite—can always be secured at Bethel's Cash Meat Market. When you desire a roast, steak, boiling piece, or any especially nice piece of meat, you should not fail to phone 239, and it will be promptly delivered.

The funeral of Elmer Bridges (colored) was held here Sunday. Elmer was working in St. Louis when he contracted influenza which developed into pneumonia which caused his death. Four of his friends from St. Louis came down to the funeral and acted as pall bearers.

The weather man evidently put forth some effort to make it an old-fashioned Christmas, though it fell just a little short of a "white" Christmas. However, there was a slight flurry of snow in the air practically all day. But in quantity it was a failure, as it could not be seen after it reached the ground.

The three children of Rev. and Mrs. Sutherland, superintendent of the Orphanage, spent Christmas with their parents. Dwight L., who is a wheelman on the U. S. S. Illinois, was home on a four-day furlough; Paul is attending school in Saginaw, Mich., and Virginia is attending Synodical College at Fulton, Mo.

Entered into rest on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 8:20 a. m., Myron R. Ferguson, beloved husband of Ella Ferguson (nee Zats), dear father of Harold H. Ferguson, dear son of Matilda Ferguson, and our dear brother, brother-in-law and uncle, at the age of 27 years. Funeral on Monday, Dec. 23, at 3 p. m., from Ziegenhain Bros. chapel, 2623 Cherokee street, to St. Matthew's Cemetery. Motor—Sunday Post-Dispatch.

Representative-elect Jeff Davis Poston was over from Bonne Terre Monday and favored The Times office with a call. He expects to leave next Sunday for the State Capital for the meeting of the Legislature, which will convene next Wednesday. While there is much business of unusual importance that should be transacted at the forthcoming Legislative session, Representative Poston fears that the division of the Senate and House between the two old parties will result in more friction than business.

As an indication that Santa Claus paid unusual attention to the inmates and employees at State Hospital No. 4, it was only necessary to note the great loads of Christmas packages taken from each incoming mail to that institution. The cab was crowded and jammed with packages several times each day the fore part of the week, leaving no room inside for anyone.

Surely Old Santa has never felt so well during his long life as he has this year. Also his many attentions could not be appreciated more by any than they are by the afflicted ones at Hospital No. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Simms last Friday received letters from their sons, Ellis and Milton, who are with the Marines "over there." They were both well and safe. They had the pleasure one night of staying in the same home in Belgium, after being separated for several weeks. Milton had been sick and was moved to different hospitals several times, while Ellis had been in the trenches helping finish the Hun. After the armistice was signed they met in Belgium and stayed together one night. The letters were written from Luxembourg, in Germany, Milton and Ellis evidently being in the army of occupation.

They tell us of the "perfect day in June." All the component atmospheric parts that go to the making of such a day clothed the Arcadia Valley last Sunday. The skies were a gleaming kindly blue with not a blur of fog or cloud to veil their beauty. The sun bathed the earth in golden radiance and the breezes were tempered as to the month of May. All of the town and surrounding country were, about the hour of noon, gathered in the big field south of Emerson Park, for the airships were coming! According to a telegram received from DeSoto they were to arrive here about one o'clock, and, sure enough, at 1:04 the first of the three aircraft hove in sight, the others closely following. As graceful as feathered kings of the air and seemingly as secure on the unstable element, they came sailing on—a wonder and delight to the eye. After circling repeatedly over the valley they alighted on the ground allotted them, settling to their places of rest without jar or mishap. There, we were permitted to examine their construction—the wings, the motor, rudders, etc.—the aviators courteously extending information and assistance to us in our search after aerial knowledge. Fromton Register.

COUNTY COURT

Court met Monday and Tuesday and transacted the following business: Court directs J. J. Croke, Collector, to return as erroneous the assessment of personal property for year 1918 of T. A. Hopson, executor of Buckner estate.

Same order to personal property of Winona B. Montgomery.

Same order as to B. F. Casteel; assessment should be amended to say, School District No. 35, instead of No. 24.

Settlement of F. F. Beard, supervisor of expenditures of Bismarck-Farmington road, filed and approved.

Settlement of Wm. Lenz, supervisor of expenditures of Mine La Motte-St. Marys road, approved.

Settlement of W. S. Eaton, supervisor of expenditures of St. Louis road and Terre Blue bridge, approved.

Edw. Curlee and Les Black issued license to set up and operate two pool tables in Elvina.

Clarence E. Marler ordered admitted to Mount Vernon Sanatorium as county patient. Rushea L. Wampler also ordered admitted.

Settlement of H. W. Coffield, showing receipts and disbursements of various funds and also books and accounts of County Clerk Wulfert, approved.

Satisfaction entered upon payment of both principal and interest of school fund bond and mortgage of Rupert Arnoldi.

County Clerk ordered to make inventory of court house offices.

Bond of \$5000 of County Clerk-elect Marvin W. Crowder filed, with Jacob Day, Ed. L. Higgins, E. E. Swink, Thos. H. Stam, R. L. Allen, A. J. Norwine and Theo. Gottlob securities.

CHRISTMAS JOYS TO ORPHANS

The many little ones at the Presbyterian Orphanage in this city enjoyed a very happy Christmas time, due to the thoughtfulness and friendly feeling of the many good friends of that institution. Many gifts were received from local people, to all of whom the hearts of the children go out in loving and tender appreciation.

The following are the names of some who played "Santa Claus," together with the things sent: Schuttler sisters gave sweet potatoes and cabbage. Mr. and Mrs. Shert sent fruit. McAttee Produce Co. sent nuts. Knopf's Bakery sent cakes. A greatly appreciated barrel of Baldwin apples came from an unknown giver. M. P. Cayce, W. M. Harlan and G. M. London and family contributed cash.

IN PAYMENT OF INCOME AND PROFITS TAXES

Instructions have been received by Collector of Internal Revenue Geo. H. Moore, at the St. Louis office, to accept Treasury certificates of indebtedness dated Aug. 20, 1918, maturing July 15, 1919, and Series T, dated November 7, 1918, maturing March 15, 1919, at par, without interest, in payment of income and profits taxes.

The Department has advised the Collector that accrued interest on the certificates will be paid separately by the Federal Reserve Bank to taxpayers upon deposit by the collector of the certificates accepted, showing the date the tax was due and the name and address of the taxpayer.

In like manner interim certificates issued by the Federal Reserve Bank representing Treasury certificates, will be accepted in payment of income and profits taxes.

DILLON—RINGER

Wm. Dillon of Indiana and Miss Nellie Ringer of Desloge surprised their many friends by motoring over to Ste. Genevieve and being united in marriage. Miss Ringer is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Ringer, a well-to-do farmer of St. Francois county. Miss Ringer is a beautiful young lady and will be missed by her many friends. Mr. Dillon is fortunate in winning her.

Mr. Dillon has been in the service of his country for a year and by his honest and faithful working was made an officer. He performed his duty splendidly and his host of friends speak highly of him.

The young couple will spend the honeymoon in the East, then return to Indiana to remain the rest of the winter with Mrs. R. A. Dillon.

We extend to them many wishes for a long and happy married life.

V. E. A.

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LICENSED TO MARRY

Dec. 19—Everett A. Scott and Rachel McClerd, Leadwood.

Dec. 20—Richard Yancey, Flat River, and Lola Tinker, Patterson, Mo.

Dec. 20—John Phillips and Clara Justice, Flat River.

Dec. 20—J. H. Farmer, Desloge, and Salome Graves, Flat River.

Dec. 21—Frank M. Cunningham, Cantwell, and Essa V. Cole, Liberty.

Dec. 21—William Benson, Farmington, and Clara Vaughn, Clarksburg.

Dec. 23—James Thomas Short and Mrs. Mary Wampler, Elvina.

Dec. 23—Charlie Harper and Lena Woods, Farmington.

Dec. 24—Alfred Doss, Farmington, and Florence Kerlagon, Bonne Terre.

Dec. 24—Hobart Shelley, Bonne Terre, and Edna Smith, Farmington.

Dec. 24—Harvey Montgomery and Grace Covington, Flat River.

LAND FOR SALE OR TRADE

860 acres of unimproved land, abundance of mine props, cross ties and good white-oak wagon timber, good for fruit and vegetables, fine range for hogs, sheep and cattle, located 4 miles south of Bismarck, Mo. Will exchange for Farmington or Flat River houses or vacant property. See J. S. Clay, Farmers Bank Building, Farmington, Mo.

LIVE STOCK REPORT

National Stock Yards, Dec. 24.

Receipts

Cattle 1400
Hogs 6500
Sheep 100

CATTLE.—The intervening Christmas holiday was directly responsible for a shrinkage in receipts and the consequent up-turn in values that followed as a result of this circumstance. Today's trade was in a very vigorous condition due to the fact that the available supply of 1400 lasted but a short while, and through the competition that resulted, steers of killing value \$14.00 upward sold fully 15c to 25c higher than last week's close, although the cheaper priced killing steers and the stockers and feeders hardly sold better than strong, this being partially responsible to the inactivity of feeder buyers owing to tomorrow's holiday, and packers were not forced to exert themselves as much upon these kinds as the fat classes. Cows, heifers, bulls and all mixed cattle sold very well, also averaging 15c to 25c higher than a week ago, and as an illustration as to the condition of the market, it would be well to mention the fact that the commonest sort of canners brought \$6.75.

There is just one question about the future market, and that question is: Will the country handle the situation with sense? There is a good demand for cattle and normal supplies can be handled to advantage, but just the moment that over-supplies are forced upon the market but one result can be expected—lower values.

HOGS.—It is absolutely useless to try to go into detail concerning the hog market, because we could write three or four columns concerning this trade and then half of it would be impossible to cover. To make a long story short, the country has just simply swamped the market with receipts, not only in St. Louis, but every market in the West. The result is that the trade has been in the worst condition it has been in a mighty long time. There are thousands of hogs in the yards today, many of which have been carried from last week, that it is impossible to move. They have been in the sheep house and in the cattle yards waiting pen room. Why the country has insisted on swamping the markets is not hard to define. One reason is the lack of knowledge of the fact that the January price has been set for St. Louis at \$17.40, the same as it is at the present month. The second reason is inability to buy corn in some localities and in other sections where it could be bought, they are not inclined, in fact, they are skeptical of paying the present corn value to feed the hogs. This is a mistaken idea, however, because if the light hogs are kept at home and matured for another thirty to forty days, it will mean money in the feeder's pockets rather than sacrifice the light hogs and pigs, as he is doing at present. The minimum average of \$17.40 has maintained the market on the strictly good fat good quality hogs and these were 5c to 10c higher today, with a top of \$17.70. With a top of only 30c above the minimum average, packers have not much leeway when it comes to buying the lower class, because their daily buy cannot show less than \$17.40, and when it gets down to that basis, then it is not a question on the light hogs and pigs, as to how cheap they are, but it is the sole question that they cannot buy them because their price average would go below Government requirements.

What is the result? Hogs have laid around the yards and have been sacrificed to outside buyers where they could be sold, but the worst feature was the fact that as previously mentioned, thousands upon thousands have been carried from day to day waiting their turn for favorable conditions when they could be sold. The country must not retain that pessimistic trend that they have so clearly indicated of late, and if they do not, it is to be burdened with embargo, lighter shipping operations must be followed, or that is what they can expect.

SHEEP.—The trade in this department during the past week has been inconsequential due to the fact that during Christmas week supplies of mutton stock dwindled to very meager proportions because there is very little outlet on sheep and lambs outside of dire necessity at this time, as a result the market has held a comparatively strong basis on the very meager showing.

National Live Stock Com. Co.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MARRIAGES

Justice J. P. Zolman reports the following marriages this week:

Dec. 20—John Phillips and Clara Justice, Flat River.

Dec. 21—William Benson, Farmington, and Clara Vaughn, Clarksburg.

Dec. 24—Hobart Shelley, Bonne Terre, and Edna Smith, Farmington.

Dec. 25—Alfred Doss, Farmington, and Florence Kerlagon, Bonne Terre.

HOME ON FURLOUGH; WEDS

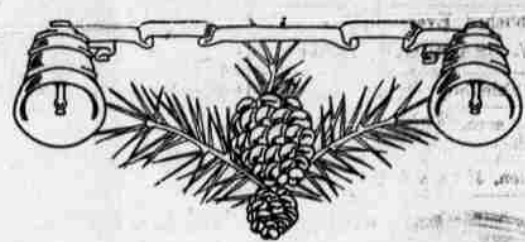
William Benson, who has been home on a furlough from the Marine camp at Quantico, Va., and Miss Clara Vaughn, of this city, were married last Saturday night by Justice J. P. Zolman. The groom has been in the Marine Corps for several months and returned to camp this week. His bride is the sister of Mrs. E. Knopf, of this city, and was formerly of Clarksburg, Mo. The Times extends congratulations to the newly-weds.

TRUTHFUL COPY

The reporter was sent to write up a charity ball. His copy came in late and it was careless. The editor reproved him the next day by quoting an extract:

"Look here, Scribbler, what do you mean by this?—Among the most beautiful girls was Alderman Horatio Dingley. Old Dingley ain't a girl! He's one of our principal stockholders."

"I can't help that," returned the realistic reporter. "That's where he was."



SOON will end the most eventful year in all history. We have won the battle which makes the world safe for democracy. While the great struggle was going on and your boys and our boys, (because they were the best), were over there, it was difficult to do business the same as when they were here.

Now that it is over, and things will again become normal, we wish to express our appreciation of the manner in which you worked with us. Your patience at a time when sailing was rough has its reward in the new world before us. We look forward to many years of prosperity and plenty, and it is our wish that you may get your full share of both.

Sincerely,

Klein Grocer Co.

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

Christian Science
Subject: "Christian Science."
Golden text: Isaiah 52:12.

Sunday morning at 11 a. m. in the News building. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. To these services the public is cordially invited.

First Baptist Church
O. H. L. Cunningham, Pastor.

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Junior Union, 2:30 p. m.
Senior Union, 6:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

The splendid attendance at Sunday school and church last Sunday was very encouraging.

As conditions are becoming normal, let us endeavor to do our best to redeem lost time. Will you help? Plan to be present in the public worship the last Sunday in 1918.

Come and invite your friends to come.

Lutheran Church
Sunday after Christmas.

Sunday School 9:15 a. m.
Preparatory service at 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 10:30 a. m.

Subject of sermon: "Giving Thanks Unto God for His Unspendable Gift."

Holy Communion.

Ladies' Aid meets at 2 p. m.

Evening worship—the last service of the old year—at 7:30. Subject of sermon: "The loving Kindnesses of the Lord in a Most Momentous Year."

Service on New Year's Day at 10:30 a. m. Subject of sermon: "Leaving All Our Cares to Our God."

A cordial welcome to all.

The Concordia Y. P. S. meets next Friday evening.

The Cotz Circle meets Saturday of next week.

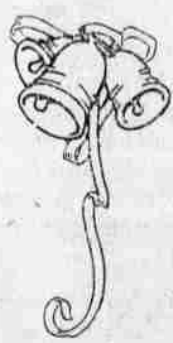
HOW \$6,500,000 WAS LOST

Some fifteen years ago the A. & F. Peas Company of England, believing that their publicity had earned an invaluable place for their product, and was no longer necessary—ceased advertising, says Publicity. For six months no Peas advertising appeared, and in that period the company had lost 35 per cent of its business. It was estimated it cost the company \$6,500,000 over and above its regular publicity schedule to rectify this error and get back where it was before the experiment.

Miss Agnes Haile is on the sick list. Tom McKinney, who has a position in St. Louis, is home for the holidays.

Miss Virginia Bailey, who is taking a nurse's training course in St. Louis, is spending Christmas holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Bailey.

Hearty wishes to all for a
New Year
filled full of Happiness and
Prosperity for all



E. M. Laakman
Druggist